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Claims

1. A suprapubic urethral catheter.
2. A catheter according to claim 1, having a urethral segment with a distensible segment which distends outwardly under pressure from within the bladder of the user and is thereby urged into sealing engagement with the interior of the urethra of the user as pressure within the bladder increases.
3. A catheter according to claim 2, having a suprapubic end portion which in use will be located suprapubically in the user.
4. A catheter according to claim 2 or claim 3, having a bladder segment into which urine can enter when the catheter is located within the bladder of the user.
5. A catheter according to any of claims 2 to 4, wherein the suprapubic end portion includes a non-return valve for preventing the escape of urine from said end portion.
6. A catheter according to claim 4, wherein the bladder segment has a plurality of holes therein for allowing urine to enter it.
7. A catheter according to any of claims 2 to 6, wherein the distensible portion comprises a balloon.
8. A catheter according to any of the preceding claims, including control means for controlling the outflow of urine therefrom.
9. A catheter according to claim 8, wherein the control means comprises a manually operable tap or remotely controllable valve.

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10. A suprapubic urethral catheter substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.